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TITLE: A METHOD OF MEASURING THE

DURATION OF ADEQUATE IMMUNE MEMORY IN COMPANION ANIMALS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, applicant requests entry of the following amendments to the application:

In the specification:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/200,041, filed April 27, 2000. --

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to include priority data as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. This amendment adds no new matter to the present application.

A favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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